

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1 - 8 are pending in the above-identified application. Claim 6 was objected to. Claims 1 - 4, 7 and 8 were rejected pursuant to 35 USC 103(a). With this Amendment, Claims 1 - 4 and 6 were amended. Claim 5 has been cancelled. Claims 9 - 13 have been added.

Accordingly, Claims 1- 4 and 6 –13 are at issue.

#### **I. Objection To The Specification**

In regard to the Examiner's objection to the specification because of informalities, as illustrated in "In the Specification" section of the present paper, Applicant has substituted the title as follows:

"SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE FOR TESTING SEMICONDUCTORS"

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this title objection be withdrawn.

#### **II. Objection To Claims**

The Examiner objected to Claim 6 because of informalities due to antecedent basis. This Claim 6 objection is now moot in view of the amendment to Claim 1.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request that this claim objection be withdrawn.

#### **III. 35 U.S.C. § 103 Obviousness Rejection of Claims**

Claims 1- 4 and 7 - 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takeoka et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,734,549).

Claims 5 and 6 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

As such, Claim 1 has been amended by incorporating the substantive limitations of Claim 5, and conforming to U.S. claim practice. Thus, Claim 1 is allowable, as well as dependent Claims 2 – 4, and 6 – 8.

Moreover, Claims 9 – 13 have been added. New Claim 9 is based on Claim 1 incorporated with the limitations of Claims 5 and 6. Thus, Claim 9 is allowable, as well as dependent Claims 10 – 13.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the claim rejections pursuant to 35 USC 103(a) be withdrawn.

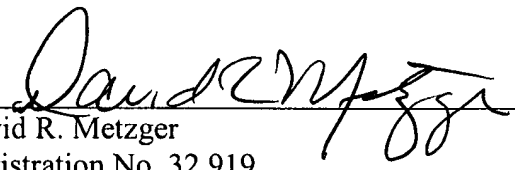
**IV. Conclusion**

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all claims 1- 4 and 6 – 13 are clearly allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully requests early and favorable notification to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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